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(b) a second facilitator substance to aid in the infusion of the first substance into said at least one cell whose concentration is greater than 20% of the total composition, wherein the concentrations of said first and second substances are effective to stabilize the nucleic acids of said at least one cell in a specimen at ambient temperature, and further wherein the combined concentration of said first and second substances is 100% of said composition.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10 and 12-17 are in the present application.

Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicants enclose herewith a double-spaced version of the present specification.

Claims 1-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly containing new matter not described in the specification. Claims 1-17 have further been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly containing subject matter not sufficiently described in the specification. Applicants have amended Claim 1 in order to advance prosecution and further clarify the subject matter of the present invention. Claim 1 has been amended by deleting the phrase "structure and" at lines 1 and 10 of Claim 1 and by adding the phrase "in a specimen at ambient temperature" in Claim 1, lines 2 and 10. Support for the phrase "ambient temperature" can be found in the Specification at page 7, lines 26-27.